



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2011-0225; FRL-9509-7]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Renewal)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that an Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This is a request to renew an existing approved collection. The ICR which is abstracted below describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2011-0225, to (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, Mail Code 2822IT, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, and (2) OMB at: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Learia Williams, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4113; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: [williams.learia@epa.gov](mailto:williams.learia@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On May 9, 2011 (76 FR 26900), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA received no comments. Any additional comments on this ICR should be submitted to both EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2011-0225, which is available for public viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, in person viewing at the Enforcement and Compliance Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Enforcement and Compliance Docket is (202) 566-1752.

Use EPA's electronic docket and comment system at <http://www.regulations.gov>, to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the docket, and to access those documents in the docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "docket search," then key in the docket ID number identified above. Please note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at <http://www.regulations.gov>, as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. For further information about the electronic docket, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Title:** NSPS for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills (Renewal)

**ICR Numbers:** EPA ICR Number 1557.08, OMB Control Number 2060-0220

**ICR Status:** This ICR is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Numbers for EPA regulations, listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15, are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

**Abstract:** The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills were proposed on May 30, 1991, promulgated on May 12, 1996, and amended on June 16, 1998 (63 FR 32753), February 24, 1999 (64 FR 9262), and April 10, 2000 (65 FR 18909). These standards apply to municipal solid waste landfills for which construction, modification, or reconstruction commences either on or after May 30, 1991. The rule requires the installation of properly designed emission control equipment and the proper operation and maintenance of this equipment. These standards rely on the capture and reduction of methane, carbon dioxide, and non-methane organic gas compound emissions by combustion devices (boilers, internal combustion engines, or flares).

Owners and operators of the affected facilities described must make initial reports when a source becomes subject to the standards. Respondents should conduct and report on performance tests, report on annual or periodic emission rates, report on design plans, report on equipment removal and closure, as well as maintain records of the reports, system design, performance tests, monitoring, exceedances, plot map, and well locations.

Any owner or operator subject to the provisions of this part must maintain a file of the applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements for at least five years following the collection of such measurements, maintenance reports, and records.

All reports are sent to the delegated state or local authority. In the event that there is no such delegated authority, the reports are sent directly to the EPA regional office. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR part 60, subpart WWW, as authorized in sections 112 and 114(a) of the Clean Air Act. The required information consists of emissions data and other information that have been determined to be private.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 17 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Municipal solid waste landfills

Estimated Number of Respondents: 183

Frequency of Response: Initially, occasionally, and annually

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 3,971

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$434,255, which includes \$380,261 in labor costs, \$32,400 capital/startup costs, and \$21,594 operation and maintenance (O&M) costs.

Changes in the Estimates: The adjustment increase in burden from the most recently approved ICR is due to an increase in the number of new sources. Consultations with the Office

of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) and trade association revealed that there are approximately 183 sources subject to the rule, as compared to the previous ICR with 175 sources. Also, we have used the most updated labor rates.

Because there are new sources with reporting requirements, both capital/startup costs and operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of monitoring the equipment are incurred.

Dated: December 20, 2011.

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